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Aside from authorizing a larger increase for the regular army the Senate bill which was made public in its tentative form yesterday provides for a well balanced army. It comes nearer following the plans of the general staff than any bill that has been reported from the military affairs committee. It is really the first attempt of Congress to legislate along lines that are recognized as sound by military authorities.

The superiority of the French and German armies is due to the fact that these countries before the war adopted military policies that had been recommended and worked out by general staffs. It is understood that the general staffs of the different armies are now virtually divisions of the grand general staff with headquarters in Paris. Much of the allies' strength has been wasted owing to the lack of co-operation which it is now recognized is due to the want of a controlling body or general staff. The central powers have had the advantage in this respect, as the Austrian and Turkish armies have been operating under the directions of the German general staff.

The Senate bill provides for a general staff of ninety-two officers. While this is not as large an increase as recommended by the War College, it more than doubles the strength of the general staff. As compared with the general staff of the French at the beginning of the war, it is a very small organization, as there were over 1,300 officers on duty with the general staff of the French army. The German general staff was much larger.

Based upon an increase of a regular general staff the Senate committee carried the idea of a well-balanced army throughout its bill. It provided for the approved proportions of the different arms and corps to make completed divisions which is the fighting unit of an army. In this organization it authorizes the regular army to be increased to sixty-five regiments of infantry, including the Porto Rican regiment, twenty-five regiments of cavalry and twenty-one regiments of field artillery. These are to be organized into brigades and divisions, which will give the country an army that is ready to take the field. The only weakness in the bill is that it does not authorize the organizations to be kept at war strength.

The Senate committee placed a provision in its bill which will be a test of the volunteer system. It authorizes the President to maintain organizations of citizens soldiers in peace time for the purpose of training.

The President is given authority to recruit these organizations of citizen soldiers under regulations determined as best suited to the citizen soldiers. Every military training camp can be turned into a regiment or a company of volunteers.

teer soldiers. If the students at these camps enlist into the volunteer service the Secretary of War is authorized to detail regular army officers as their instructors. The enlistment terms will be so framed that the training period will cover the time in which the students are able to attend the training camp.

Another feature of this voluntary provision of the Senate bill is that it will permit the President to create volunteer organizations in which the students can spend their vacations. All that enlists in the volunteer organizations under this provision will be entitled to the pay and allowances of the regular army during the time they are serving in camp. This will include uniform, rations, and every allowance that is given to the regular army. At the end of three years or the enlistment period, the citizen soldiers will pass into reserves as the regular army personnel does under the act.

If under such conditions young men do not volunteer the only conclusion is that citizen soldiers cannot be secured in time of peace for training. If this law does not give the country a body of trained soldiers in addition to the National Guard, there is not much prospect of securing without adopting a policy like that of Switzerland or Australia.

The consolidation of the line and staff, and the inauguration of the detail system for the Marine Corps is advocated by Gen. George Barnett, commandant of the Marine Corps. Gen. Barnett insisted that this change should be made in order to perfect the organization of the corps. To bring the Marine Corps up to one-fifth the strength of the navy, Gen. Barnett insisted that Congress should pass legislation increasing the number of officers by 150 and the number of enlisted men by 2,500. He declared that the Marine Corps should have three brigadier generals and four additional colonels, five additional lieutenant colonels, eighteen additional majors, thirty-four additional captains and fifty-four additional lieutenants.

In the way of material General Barnett declared that just at present the Marine Corps needed two armored motor cars more than anything else. The corps has now improvised two armored motor cars for service in Haiti. They are proving very effective and General Barnett is convinced that the corps should have armored cars for large expeditionary forces.

District Signal Corps.

A good turnout for drill last Tuesday night gave Capt. Terry, of the Signal Corps Company, District National Guard, an opportunity to direct that all uniforms and equipment must be in the men's lockers by the night of inspection, March 7, in order that they may be inspected and counted. Men who have buttons at home were ordered to turn them in to the master signal electrician, to be put in condition for inspection. It is hoped that the inspection may be started at 8:15 o'clock, and the men are requested to report at the armory as early Tuesday night as possible, in order that they may be equipped with belts and pistols, and with any parts of the uniform which they may lack.

Two more applications for membership were received Tuesday night, and the necessary blanks were furnished. The men are to report for physical examination.

tion Friday evening, and will be sworn in next Tuesday.

Private Stephenson has applied for discharge, as he is about to enter the regular army.

Following inspection, a number of promotions are to be made. Tuesday night a meeting of the Wig-Wag Club will be held, for the purpose of determining upon the amount and kind of furniture to be purchased for the company from the tournament fund. The company has a credit of about \$150 in the furniture fund at present, and there are still about 100 tickets to be heard from. Men who still have tickets charged to them must either turn them in or pay for them by Tuesday night.

Recruits are being drilled in blue uniforms, which will be worn until regulations for the olive-drab ones can be put through. Attendance and muster-rolls for use at inspection have been made up, and practically all the company property has been gone over by Sgt. Winters. M. S. E. Lansford has the electrical equipment in tip-top shape.

The matter of out-door mounted instruction at Fort Meyer has been discussed with the instructor, Lieut. Milliken, and it is expected that the company will take up that work within the next two or three weeks.

With the coming of spring and better weather conditions, mounted instruction should appeal to the men as it will mean enjoyable road work, with horses that are well trained.

The building of a target range for both rifle and pistol practice at the First Street Armory should encourage the men of the different organizations in that building to try for qualifications as marksmen and sharpshooters. It has not yet been decided what nights the range will be open.

Corporal H. E. Davis and E. McDonald have been detailed for duty at the Armory on Wednesday night to assist in property inspection.

Several members of the company have been granted furloughs to enable them to attend night schools. These men report on Sunday mornings, or during the day on Tuesdays, thus keeping their attendance record. Thursday night Corporal Lankford took his class a little deeper into the mysteries of mathematics, and under his instruction many of the points heretofore dark to the men have been made clear.

John P. Fersinger, the company recruiting officer, has a scheme for securing new members, the full details of which have not as yet been given out, but which he says will prove efficacious. His specialty is the Morse operator. M. S. E. Lansford is recruiting the radio men. Two men familiar with gasoline engines are wanted for the radio company. Corporal Peske's enlistment expires within a few days, but he probably will re-enlist.

John P. Fersinger was made a member of the company last Tuesday night.

Messrs. Beach and Selby filled out application blanks Tuesday evening. The company lockers have all been renumbered and reassigned, and the men will move their possessions to their new lockers on Tuesday night.

Corporal Sullivan, company clerk, has a new filing system to contend with in connection with the company's correspondence.

Orders have been issued for overcoats to be turned in to the company store room, each with the man's name attached.

ARMY ORDERS.

Leave of absence for two months, to take effect upon his relief from his present duties, is granted First Lieut. George G. Grier, cavalry.

Capt. George W. Wallace, Sixteenth Infantry, is transferred from the Base Hospital, Fort Bliss, Tex., to the Letterman General Hospital, the Presidio of San Francisco, Cal., for treatment.

First Lieut. Howard B. Kirby, First Reserve Corps, is ordered to proceed to Fort Douglas, Utah, for the purpose of making a physical examination of First Lieut. Albert H. Eber, Medical Reserve Corps, and upon the completion of the examination will stand relieved from active duty in the Medical Reserve Corps.

First Lieut. Raymond B. Molawa, Medical Reserve Corps, is ordered to make a physical examination of First Lieut. John R. Herford, Medical Reserve Corps, and upon the completion of the examination will stand relieved from active duty in the Medical Reserve Corps.

Leave of absence for two months, to take effect upon his relief from his present duties, is granted Maj. John M. Jenkins, Infantry general.

First Lieut. W. Morris Chubb, Corps of Engineers, is relieved from duty at the Engineer School, to take effect upon the completion of his course of instruction at that school, and will then report in person to the Chief of Engineers for assignment to duty.

Second Lieut. John C. Walker, Jr., Twelfth Infantry, is attached to the Aviation Section of the Signal Corps as an aviation student and will proceed to San Diego, Cal., and report in person to the commanding officer, Signal Corps Aviation School, for duty.

Leave of absence for two months on surgeon's certificate of disability, is granted First Lieut. Andrew W. Smith, Seventh Cavalry.

Col. William M. Black, Corps of Engineers, is relieved from his present duties in New York City and will transfer the duties in his charge pertaining to the First New York Engineer District, together with the funds, property and records connected therewith, to such officer as the chief of engineers may designate, and will then report in person to the Chief of Staff for duty.

Leave of absence for two months on surgeon's certificate of disability, is granted First Lieut. Norton M. Boardley, Coast Artillery Corps.

Second Lieut. Robert P. Hyatt, now attached to the First Cavalry, is assigned to that regiment.

Capt. James W. Purior, Quartermaster Corps, will report in person not later than March 10, 1916, to the commanding officer, Central Department, the instructions and temporary duty pertaining to the camp of Field Artillery to be held at Sparta, Wis.

Leave of absence for four days is granted Col. William D. Beach, cavalry.

NAVAL ORDERS.

MOVEMENTS OF VESSELS.

Baich arrived at Ponce, P. R., March 3; Birmingham sailed for Mayaguez, March 3; Drayton arrived at Santiago de Cuba, March 3; Henslow arrived at Norfolk, March 2; Joust arrived at Rosebank, March 3; Kanawha sailed for Port Arthur, Tex., March 3; Leeward arrived at Cristal, March 3; McCall sailed for Boston, March 3; Maryland sailed for San Diego, March 2; Orion sailed for Guantanamo, March 4; Patterson arrived at Ponce, P. R., March 4; Perry sailed for Camp of Field Artillery to be held at Sparta, Wis.

March 3; Wilmington arrived for Mexico, March 3.

NOTES.

The Kentucky has been ordered placed in reserve upon arrival at Philadelphia.

The Krazare was placed in reserve at the navy yard, Philadelphia, March 3, 1916.

ORDERS TO OFFICERS.

Commander L. B. Price, to four months' sick leave.

Lieut. (junior grade) W. D. Killduff, to Illinois.

Ensign D. C. Watson, San Diego.

Ensign L. J. Whitte, to temporary duty, receiving ship at San Francisco, Cal.

STEWART'S COLLEGE NOTES.

H. Ridway Taylor has been unanimously chosen manager of the 1916 baseball team. Last year Mr. Taylor played on Technical High School's team and his interest in baseball at Stewart's promises to make the 1916 season a very successful one. The athletic association will elect officers soon.

In the semi-monthly typewriting speed and accuracy test, held Wednesday, two students exceeded the required 35-word rate. Ernest W. Emery wrote for ten minutes at the rate of 61.2 words a minute, and Miss J. Metz wrote at the rate of 49 words a minute. Both students turned in faultless papers.

Albert H. Acken has accepted a position as stenographer with the National Electric Supply Company. Mr. Acken formerly was assistant teacher of shorthand and typewriting at this school.

Miss Josephine Hart has obtained a position as secretary to Rev. Dr. Peter Guldaway, of the Catholic University of America.

The Spanish classes, taught by Mario Torres Lomell, are progressing rapidly.

MUSIC AND MUSICIANS.

At the Church of the Covenant this afternoon the music will be given by the Triple Quartet and in the evening by the evening choir of 150 voices with Double Quartet, both services being under the direction of Sydney Lloyd Wrightson, with Harvey Murray at the organ. The following are the musical numbers:

Afternoon—"Bow Down Thine Ear, O Lord." (Oswat), incidental solo, Mr. Backing; bass solo, "Cast Thy Bread Upon the Waters," (Bischoff), Mr. Humphrey; "Have Mercy Upon Me," (Minshall), incidental solo, Miss Craig; "The Wilderness," (Mendelssohn), incidental solos, Mr. Humphrey and Mr. Backing; "In Heaven the Stars Now Are Shining," (Rheinberger). Evening—"Organ prelude, 'At Evening'." (Buck); "Now, When the Dusky Shades of Night," (Berwald); contralto solo, "He That Overcometh," (Samuel J. MacWaters), Miss Harper; "O, Savior of the World," (Goss); "Saved by Grace," (Stebbins), Mr. Wrightson and the choir; organ postlude, "Marche Hebraique," (Mazson).

The choir of the West Street Presbyterian Church will be heard in the following program at the special monthly musical service at 7:30 o'clock tonight: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling," G. Christopher Marks; "Holly Father, Great Creator," J. Faure; "Hold Thou My Hand," contralto solo (Gounod); "Blessed Are All They Who Fear Him," B. Cecil Klein; "Inflammatus," from the "Stabat Mater," (Rossini). The solos will be sustained by Mrs. W. G. Winthrop, soprano; Mrs. Armand Gumprecht, contralto; D. Austin Howard, tenor, and S. Theodore Howard, bass. George Herbert Wells will be at the organ.

The National quartet, composed of Elizabeth S. Maxwell, soprano; Lillian Chenoweth, contralto; W. E. Braithwaite, tenor; J. K. Schofield, bass, and Ethel Garrett Johnston, pianist, presented a program of standard classics and operatic selections at a reception of the business men of Baltimore on Friday evening at the Hotel Emerson.

The quartet also furnished a program for the banquet of the Mississippi Society at the New Ebbitt on Saturday evening.

At the unveiling exercises held by G. A. R., at the U. S. Grant statue in the Rotunda of the Capitol on Wednesday afternoon, a National quartet sang several patriotic numbers.

An organ recital under the auspices of the American Guild of Organists will be given March 21 by James W. Cheney, Jr., at St. Paul's Church, Twenty-third street, near Washington Circle.

Sydney Lloyd Wrightson gave a dinner concert on Monday evening in honor of the given March 21 by James W. Cheney, Jr., at St. Paul's Church, Twenty-third street, near Washington Circle.

The Rebekah Orchestra, under direction of H. W. Weber, will give the sixth public recital of the season tomorrow night in the lecture room of Keller Memorial Church. The soloists will be Miss Emma Cohen, soprano; Mrs. James K. Wallace, contralto, and William H. Davis, tenor.

Harry Patterson Hopkins has arranged for the appearance next Friday evening of his Baltimore concert quartet at the Washington College, of which he is musical director. The club consists of Sara Storm Crommer, soprano; Mabel Flaherty, alto; Samuel Eschenbach, tenor, and Edgar E. Dobson, barytone, with Mr. Hopkins, pianist.

All the soloists have positions in prominent Baltimore churches and their numerous engagements have led to their recital at the Washington College in the following program: "Song of the Vikings" for mixed quartet and piano; soprano solo, aria from "Louise," barytone solo, "King Charles"; "Love Is Like a Tender Flower," quartet; alto solo, "Slave Song," piano solo, Liszt's rhapsody No. 2; tenor solo, "Crolo Love Song"; "Marching," for mixed quartet and piano.

A rally recital was given by former and present pupils of Bessie N. Wild at the studio on Friday evening. Several of former classes gave the solo numbers, those of the present class doing the ensemble work.

Those giving vocal numbers were: Miss Theima Payne, Miss Estelle Wild, Miss Louise Love, Mrs. Gertrude Frazier, Mrs. Deborah Hickman Lawson, Mr. Anna Boeckler, and Archie W. Davis. The piano numbers were rendered by the following: Misses Florence Moyer, Florence Gompers, Mildred Moore, Louise Love, and Miss Lida Thompson. The vocal soloists were: Mrs. Louise Love, Dorothy Humphreys, Mary Louise Husey, Geneva Wallace, Margaret Herring-

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THE OPEN FORUM.

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six adjoining and neighboring States of Oregon, Nevada, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, and South Dakota, where there were no laws discouraging men from voting, such as the grandfathers' law and heavy poll taxes, which must be paid in order to exercise the franchise, and which practically disfranchised nearly 2,000,000 negroes in the South.

Women will not vote as generally as men when given the ballot, as can be proven in all the woman suffrage States, and can never do so on account of their duty of motherhood.

The suffragists are certainly hard pressed for arguments to uphold the fallacy of "votes for women," when they put out such misleading and incorrect figures as they are now doing. Facts seem to be the last thing the emotional and theoretical suffragists want, and fiction that promises much and gives little seems to be the pleasing thing.

MRS. J. ALEX MAHON.

Small Boy Complains of Police.

Editor of The Washington Herald: Can a little school boy have a few lines in your valuable paper? I heard the first of "votes for women," when they put out such misleading and incorrect figures as they are now doing. Facts seem to be the last thing the emotional and theoretical suffragists want, and fiction that promises much and gives little seems to be the pleasing thing.

Now I would like to say don't to the policemen sometimes. I would say don't allow anything to remain in the streets which might injure people in passing by. There has been a broken down wagon loaded with dirty rubbish at Thirteenth and B streets since noon Wednesday, February 23—five nights. Now don't you think that is a long time for a wagon to remain in the street without a light at night? I am a daily reader of The Herald.

PAUL JUSTUS CONNER.

Teachers Plan Organization.

Port Deposit, Md., March 4.—Cecil A. Ewing, of the Tome School, has accepted an invitation to act on a committee of which Eugene R. Smith, headmaster of the Park School, Baltimore, is chairman, to organize a section of the Association of Teachers of Mathematics in the Middle States and Maryland, which will include teachers in Baltimore, Washington, and possibly Delaware. The aim of the new branch is to bring closer together mathematics instructors in the above mentioned places, and to provide opportunities for a number of meetings throughout the year, which will affect those especially who are not able to attend the meeting of the entire association.

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